

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 343 – HB 869**

March 9, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to promulgate rules to exempt any livestock producers in compliance with exemptions established in the Federal Meat Inspection Act from the Tennessee Meat and Poultry Inspection Act. Requires DOA to maintain information regarding the requirements and limitations of each federal exemption for livestock slaughter and processing on its website.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The DOA will post and maintain the required information concerning requirements of each federal exemption and limitation for livestock slaughter and processing on their website using existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.
- The Federal Meat Inspection Act, in United States Code, Title 21, Chapter 12, Subchapter I, Section 623, provides for the following exemptions from inspection requirements for livestock producers: personal slaughtering and custom slaughtering for personal, household, guest, and employee uses; slaughtering and preparation of animals in any territory not organized with a legislative body solely for distribution within such territory; and pizzas containing meat food products.
- DOA reports that quarterly inspections of food safety requirements are currently performed by the Department, but ante and post mortem animal inspections for slaughter are not performed. Therefore, this bill will not result in a significant decrease in state expenditures or state revenue.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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